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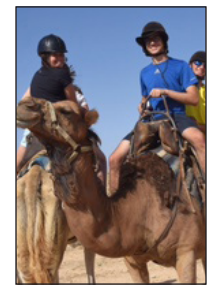

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Jewish sanctuary efforts in Ann Arbor

Ruth Kraut, special to the WJN

Earlier this year, Richard Stahler-Sholk, an Eastern Michigan University political science professor, Latin America activist, and member of the Jewish community, contacted a few other members of the Jewish community to see if we would be interested in getting the Jewish community involved in the Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary group.

WCS is comprised of members from a number of congregations in Washtenaw County who were — and are — interested in exploring offering sanctuary and/or providing other support to immigrants in Washtenaw County who may be under threat of deportation or live in "mixed status" families, where some members of the family are citizens and others are not.

With that, the Ann Arbor Jewish Sanctuary Group was formed.

With Passover coming up, the first action of the group was to create a Passover handout to be used at the Seder, where people could read some Jewish immigration stories, and discuss their meaning today. This can be found online at: drive.google.com/file/d/0B9wVz2wXQG6pM2luYzV4OXR0X0k/view?usp=sharing.

Currently, the Social Action committees at both Temple Beth Emeth and Beth Israel Congregation are investigating next steps, including educational activities and support for immigrant families.

On January 29, 2017, Ann Arborites joined hundreds of others at the Detroit airport to protest the Trump ban in Muslim immigrants.

In this work, they are guided by documents that have been created by both the Reform and Conservative movements.

The Reform movement, through their Religious Action Center, put out a statement that says, in part:

"Today, we urge congregations to protect undocumented immigrants facing deportation by adopting a plan for providing resources, temporary shelter, legal assistance, or other forms of support to those in need. There are Reform synagogues in communities nationwide that are already supporting and protecting undocumented immigrants facing deportation within their communities, and with this resolution we hope growing numbers will join this holy work.

"The Reform Movement has a history of providing support in the form of advocacy and sanctuary for undocumented immigrants and refugees fleeing persecution in their home countries, and now we will do so for those fearing deportation from our own. Current U.S. policy, long recognized as broken, keeps families apart and leaves millions of undocumented immigrants at risk of deportation, forcing them into the shadows. This pains us as Reform Jews, aware that the most repeated commandment in our religious teachings is to welcome the stranger.

"As our congregations act in their communities, we will continue our longstanding pursuit of comprehensive immigration reform that offers a pathway

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Announcing the 2017–18 Frankel Institute Fellows

Kelsey Robinette, special to the WJN

What did ritual baths and synagogues feel like for the ancient Jews who used them? What kinds of objects did healers use in antiquity, and in what kinds of places did they perform their healing? How did material economic conditions affect Jewish ritual expertise in the ancient world? How did the ancient rabbis conceive of the natural world?

The answers to these and many other fascinating questions will be explored this fall, when a distinguished group of fellows of the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies will gather around the theme of "Jews and the Material in Antiquity." They will be led by Head Fellow Rachel Neis, Jean and Samuel Frankel associate professor of Rabbinic Literature.

"The 2017–2018 Frankel Fellows represent a wonderful range of scholarship and accomplishment," explained Neis, "including people with expertise in archaeology, art history, ancient history, rabbinics, early Christianity, and comparative and ancient religion. These scholars, working across diverse fields and topics in antiquity, will bring their rich backgrounds to bear upon questions relating to Jewishness and the material. They will be researching objects, buildings, and artefacts, as well as the ways that the ancients thought about matter more broadly." After writing her first book on the sense of sight in ancient Rabbinic Judaism, Neis came to propose this topic through her ongoing interest in the interconnectedness between objects, space, and embodiment. Currently writing a book on rabbinic "biology" and reproductive thought, Neis puts the rabbis in conversation with ancient perspectives onto the natural world.

Rachel Neis

"From the reproduction of species to the architecture of knowledge and the embodiment of the divine, Frankel fellows will be exploring new ways of understanding the ancient world and how those who lived in it interacted with the objects around them," stated Director of the Jean and Samuel Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, Jeffrey Veidlinger. "We are excited to welcome 12 scholars from around the world to work with faculty and students at the University

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Concert to benefit refugees

WJN *staff writers*

Local musicians, Nathan Peters (violin), Graham Emberton (violin), Ian Cumming (violin and viola), Sara Cumming (cello) and Renée Robbins (piano), members of the Chelsea Chamber Players will perform two concerts of chamber works by Mozart, Schubert and the Canadian composer Victor Davies to raise money for refugees in Washtenaw County. All proceeds will benefit the Refugee Resettlement Program of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County. Donations will be accepted at the door. The first performance will be Saturday, June 10, at 7:30 pm, at First United Methodist Church of Chelsea, 128 Park Street; and on Saturday, June 17, at 7:30 pm, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 North Division Street, Ann Arbor. For further information, go to www.chelseachamberplayers.com or email info@chelseachamberplayers.com. ■

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to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, while continuing to keep our borders secure. The United States is stronger because of its history as a nation of immigrants. In the absence of legislative movement, we must take action." — March 31, 2017

The Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative Movement put out a statement that says, in part:

"Whereas Torah teaches: You shall not turn over to his master a slave who seeks refuge with you from his master. He shall live with you in any place he may choose among the settlements in your midst, wherever he pleases; you must not ill-treat him (Deut. 23:16), and...The American Jewish community knows both the enormous benefits that have accrued to us as a result of being accepted as immigrants and refugees into the United States, and also the grievous pain when Jews fleeing from Nazi Germany were refused entry to the United States and were returned to perish in the concentration camps and gas chambers. Over 700,000 undocumented people who arrived in this country as minors have been given temporary relief under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); and Pres. Trump has threatened to end the DACA program....

"President Trump has threatened to deport three million undocumented people with criminal convictions, while there are only approximately 820,000 undocumented people with criminal convictions, which brings up the serious risk that the Trump administration will deport people who were merely arrested but not convicted or who are suspected of having gang affiliations.

"This will bring about the separation of families, economic disruptions and dislocations, and the possibility of serious harm and death to those deported....

"Be it resolved, that the Rabbinical Assembly in line with its support for a fair immigration policy and the "guarantee [of] due process in immigration proceedings and the protection of civil liberties" of immigrants (Resolution adopted February 2007) support the creation of "Sanctuary Cities" across the United States which will not cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the involuntary deportation of undocumented residents."

Another wonderful resource for discussions around sanctuary can be found through T'ruah. T'ruah, the Rabbinical Call for Human Rights, has a web page devoted to this work, where they note, "T'ruah works as part of an interfaith network to mobilize synagogues and other communities to protect those facing deportation or other immigration challenges. By becoming "mikdash" or sanctuary synagogues, communities pledge to take concrete actions, which may include legal support, housing, financial help, and other assistance for the sojourners in our midst." Read more at: www.truah.org/campaign/mikdash-the-jewish-sanctuary-movement/

The work of the Ann Arbor Jewish Sanctuary group is very much in line with pro-immigrant ordinances that have been passed by the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

To join the Ann Arbor Jewish Sanctuary group, email Ruth Kraut at ruthkraut@gmail.com. ■

Apples & Honey, and Lots, Lots, More

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

The annual Apples & Honey, and Lots, Lots More celebration of the fall Jewish holidays hosted by the Jewish Community Center returns on Sunday, September 17, 2017, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Every institution serving the Ann Arbor Jewish community will be invited to participate and provide a relevant, meaningful, hands-on activity for a variety of ages. Apples & Honey, and Lots, Lots More not only brings the community together to welcome the Jewish New Year but also helps introduce newcomers to Ann Arbor and to the community agencies and all they have to offer. In addition, the event offers a variety of vendor booths with Judaica and other items for sale.

The 2017 Apples & Honey, and Lots, Lots More will see the return of the popular kosher baked goods sale among the many lively activities and vendors. There will also be many volunteer opportunities at the event as there were in 2016. Jessica Gillespie, family programs coordinator, notes her excitement for the coming event explaining, "the 2016 event was a huge success with over 400 participants enjoying a ton of activities, learning about the agencies which serve the Jewish community, and getting into the joyful spirit of the Jewish New Year. I expect the 2017 event to deliver just as much fun, excitement, and Jewish learning."

If you would like to volunteer or inquire about vendor table rentals, please contact Gillespie at jessicagillespie@jccannarbor.org or (734) 971-0990. Online registration for participation in Apples & Honey, and Lots, Lots More will open in August 2017. ■

Ricky Friesem wins Israeli poetry award

Former Ann Arborite Ricky Rapoport Friesem received this year's top prize in Voices Israel's Reuben Rose Poetry Competition at a ceremony in Tel Aviv in May. "It's one thing to be published in Kalamazoo, but it's really nice to get a prize in your own community," Friesem told *Haaretz* after receiving the award. "There were some very good poems read tonight." She said her winning poem, "Director's Notes: Holocaust Memorial Day," was her attempt to express what she feels when the siren goes off. "I worked 25 years in making promo science films for Weizmann Institute and had the idea to write it as if I were writing a script," recalled Raporport Friesem, who hails from Toronto via Ann Arbor.

Read more at: http://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/1.787471

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Anya Abramzon honored at WCC

Nancy Margolis, special to the WJN

Anya Abramzon, executive director of Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, was honored at the Washtenaw Community College Foundation Women's Council's "Salute to Women's Leadership" on May 16, 2017.

Abramzon has served JFS for 20 years. Under her leadership, the agency has grown from a small one-room office in the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor and a budget of $35,000 to a nationally acclaimed social service agency of over 60 staff and a budget of $2.8 million, serving close to 9,000 people per year. JFS services expanded from a volunteer-led resettlement and mental health service to a wide array of clinical and social services addressing the needs of the entire county regardless of race, religion, national origin. JFS provides refugee resettlement and immigration assistance including finding housing, furniture, job search, food and financial aid. Clients receive international/legal assistance and services, citizenship education, crisis management, counseling, older adult services and caregiver aid. Career services and guidance help New Americans alleviate barriers to long-term employment

Anya Abramzon

"Abramzon has single-handedly changed the lives of hundreds of people and families in Washtenaw County. No job is too small or too large for her. She goes beyond what most people will do for a family, encouraging, challenging and ensuring that each and every client will live a good life and realize their potential," said Phyllis Herzig, past chair of JFS and board member.

Working cooperatively and creatively with the entire community, Abramzon's focus has been on ensuring that JFS is a valuable community partner and a major participant in more than a dozen of community collaborative panels and forums. Over the years Abramzon has received a number of awards including Excellence in Jewish Communal Service Professional Recognition Award from the University of Michigan Jewish Communal Services Program of The School of Social Work and The Claire and Isadore Bernstein Leadership Award for her key role in making the Ann Arbor Jewish community's dream for a comprehensive, professional and internationally accredited social service agency become a reality.

Also honored this year were: Joyce Hunter, executive director of the new African American Museum in Ann Arbor, and former assistant superintendent of the Ann Arbor Public Schools, and Kelly Parent, director of the University of Michigan.

The WCC Women's Council endows scholarships for women based on leadership and academic excellence, builds mentoring programs, and provides services and resources that support the women of the college. ■

New format for Lunch and Learn at the J

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

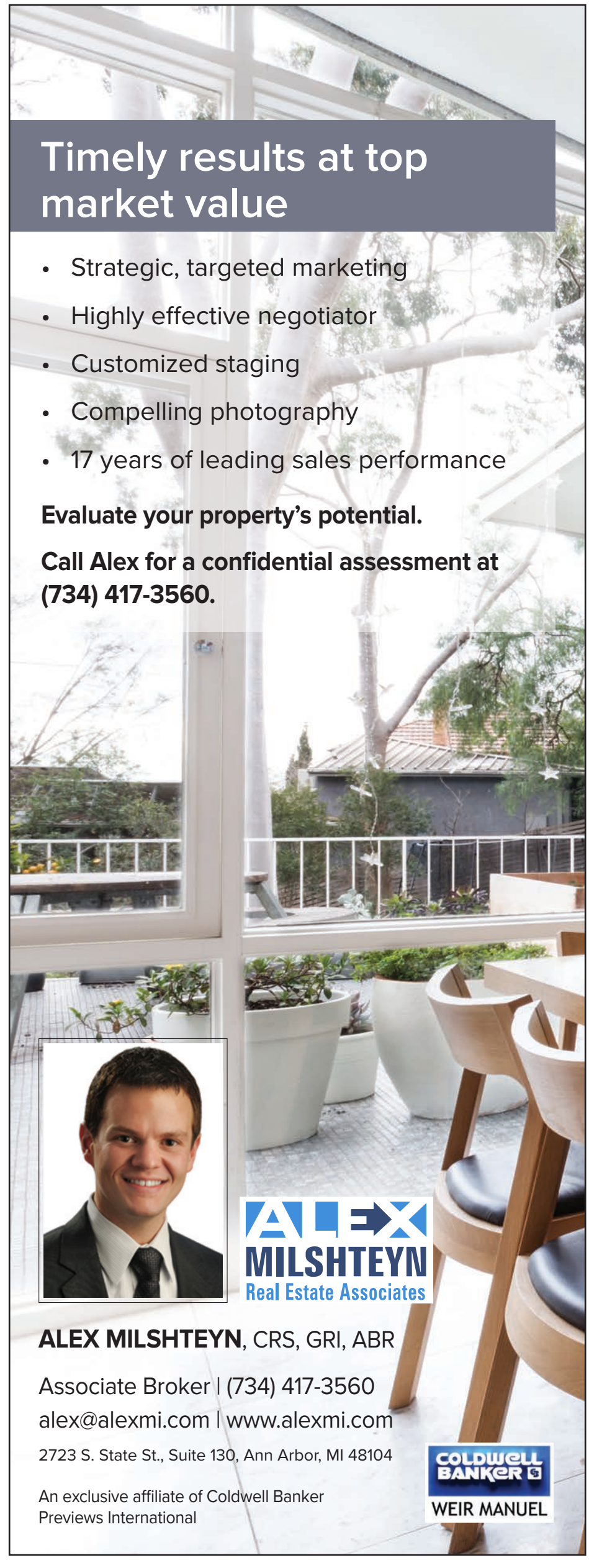
The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor is updating the formerly weekly Lunch and Learn program to become "Third Thursdays at the J," beginning Thursday, June 15, at noon. While the weekly program has been very well attended, the lunch and presentations were separated by an hour making the entire program two hours, which posed a challenge to those who wanted to take advantage of both the lunch and the presentation during their lunch hour. With the change to a once per month program at noon, the community will now be able to spend one lunch hour per month at the J for thought-provoking speakers, concerts, and other unique enrichment opportunities, which will take place promptly at noon.

Participants can choose to bring their lunch with them (the J requests these lunches be meat and nut free) or reserve a dairy, nut-free lunch for purchase prepared by local caterer, Karan Balmer. Lunch will cost $5.50 per person or $3 for those 60 or over. Menus will be available at jccannarbor.org and lunches must be reserved at least one day in advance by registering online or calling the J's Welcome Center at (734) 971-0990. While the presentations will be on the third Thursday of each month, TheraPaws certified therapy dog and owner teams will continue to visit every other month at 1 p.m. on the fourth Thursday.

Third Thursday for June 15, will present Speedy, general manager of Pinball Pete's Arcade, who will discuss the history and future of arcades. Third Thursday for July 20, brings Kelly Vore, owner of Downtown Home and Garden, to speak about this Ann Arbor business that originally opened in 1906 and now hosts a variety of community events in addition to selling a variety of goods. Christine Laughren, event and nonprofit manager, from the newly renovated Ypsilanti Freighthouse will join us for Third Thursday on August 17, when she will discuss the Michigan Central Railroad's role in the development of Ypsilanti and the recent transformation of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse from a storage space to an events and meeting venue. TheraPaws returns for their next visit on Thursday, July 27.

Christine Laughren

Information about upcoming speakers and more can be found by visiting the J's website, jccannarbor.org, and subscribing to the weekly eChai Lights email. For more information contact Rachael Hoffenblum, operations manager and adult services coordinator at (734) 971-0990 or rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. ■



The JFS Specialty Food Pantry serves the community and seeks its support

Beverly Bremer, special to the WJN

The JFS Specialty Food Pantry is the only one of its kind in Washtenaw County, providing food for low income residents with specific, or restricted dietary needs. The pantry offers a variety of healthy foods and nutritional supplements, in an effort to alleviate as many barriers to good nutrition as possible. JFS provides a grocery "shopping" experience for community members whereby those utilizing the pantry can choose food items based on individual preference and need. Sarah Hong, JFS director of Programs and Outreach, had this to say, "JFS values providing our clients with the most dignified experiences possible. Affording people the ability to make choices about their food and maintaining our pantry as a clean and inviting space, staffed with kind and helpful JFS employees and volunteers is a high priority for us. When we make these efforts, we believe our clients have the best pantry experience possible."

JFS supplies access to: fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, kosher goods, halal, low sodium, gluten free, nut free, dairy free, vegan, vegetarian, and liquid nutritional supplements. The pantry also stocks an assortment of personal care products, such as feminine hygiene products and baby-care supplies. The JFS Pantry served over 5,135 individuals in 2016. Additionally, JFS delivers food to approximately 45 homebound older adults every month. Referrals to the pantry come from community agencies, places of worship and hospitals. Some, but not all, pantry utilizers receive additional services at JFS. Pantry services are made possible by Food Gatherers, Yad Ezra, various grants and by the generosity of community members who donate.

As the need for specialty food and personal items grow, JFS is reaching out to the community for help. In particular, the JFS pantry needs donations of liquid nutrition: Ensure Boost, Kirkland brand, Premier Protein, and Glucerna. These items are essential for many older adults and others coping with medical illness and/or

disability. At this time, additional pantry needs include baby wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels.

To make a donation, bring it to the JFS first floor central lobby reception desk. Let JFS know to expect a donation by either calling ahead or emailing Beverly Bremer, JFS Food Pantry Coordinator, at bbremer@jfsannarbor.org. Upon arrival, donors should notify the receptionist that they are donating to the JFS food pantry. Leave contact information with the receptionist, as JFS will thank you and send the appropriate tax information. JFS is located at 2245 S. State Street, Suite 200, Ann Arbor. Donations can also be made through the Amazon web site. Go to Amazon.com click on list registry, type in JFS food pantry, and choose items from the list. Another way to give is to donate money to JFS and earmark it for the pantry. For questions and more information, call (734) 769-0209 and ask to speak with Beverly Bremer, JFS Food Pantry coordinator. ■

Food Matters class helps refugees develop healthy food concepts

Hugh Goodman, special to the WJN

For eight weeks a group of 15 refugees met and completed a workshop on Healthy Food Matters presented by the Michigan State University Extension. The class was taught by instructor Sulaiman Mansour. The group learned about nutrition, health, and the cottage food industry. The last class was held at Zingerman's to bring the concepts together. Zingerman's was kind enough to provide the class a day of learning, food and hope. The day ended at the incredible ZingTrain facility with a class on "Creating A Vision of Greatness." The students were inspired to dream big and map out how to achieve their dreams!

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County administers the Independent Development Account (IDA) Program that helps refugees be successful in their new home by saving money toward education, purchase of a care or money for a business. Other services include assessments, enrollment, account management, coordination with community partners, financial literacy training, asset specific training, credit counseling, mentorship, transportation, and translation services. ■

Dinner with Family brought tasty traditions

Laurie Cohen, special to the WJN

Back by popular demand, Jewish Family Services' beloved event, Dinner with the Family, brought back tasty traditions. "JFS is about connecting with families and responding to community needs, so this event made sense to hold once again," said co-chair Laurie Barnett. "We've had requests about it for the past eight years," said Anya Abramzon, executive director of JFS. Whether it was a festive Shabbat dinner, a welcoming meal on Saturday night, a blissful brunch on Sunday or a delightful dinner on Sunday evening, 220 guests enjoyed meals hosted by over 70 members of the community.

"JFS really consists of human stories and several were shared at the table," said co-chair Leslie Bash. Planning committee members included Sue Adler, Levana Aronson, Phyllis Herzig, Judith Lax and Deborah Renner. An assortment of delicious meals were offered including French cuisine, Italian fare, Syrian feast, Moroccan delicacies, and Mediterranean melody, to name just a few. ■

It was about family at the brunch hosted by Linda Levy, Lauren Levy and Adam Linkner.

Mona and Ed Goldman and June and Rich Swartz entertained their guests with Haut Cuisine of France.

Carol and Gideon Hoffer hosted a Middle Eastern feast for their guests.

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of Michigan and to present a series of public events that will make the ancient world more accessible to all of us."

Established through a generous financial contribution from the Jean and Samuel Frankel Jewish Heritage Foundation, the Frankel Institute provides annual fellowships for scholars and artists around the world to conduct research on a given theme. Since its establishment in the academic year of 2007-08, the Frankel Institute has helped advance Jewish studies globally and has nurtured cutting edge scholarship in the field, hosting just over 140 Institute Fellows. Additionally, the Institute offers lectures, symposia, art exhibitions and musical performances to the public.

The 2017–18 Frankel fellows and their fields of research are:

- Todd Berzon, Bowdoin College, "Holy Tongues: The Materiality of Language in the Religious World of Late Antiquity"
- Rick Bonnie, University of Helsinki, "Material Religion in Hasmonean-Roman Judaea: The Role of the Senses, Space, and Climate in Determining the Use of Synagogues and Miqva'ot"
- Sean Burrus, Metropolitan Museum, "Image and Empire: Jewish Identities and Visual Arts under Rome"
- Catherine Chin, University of California at Davis, "Life: The Natural History of an Early Christian Universe"
- Deborah Forger, University of Michigan, "God's Embodiment in Jewish Antiquity"
- Chaya Halberstam, King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, "Justice and Mercy Revisited: a Religious-Legal History of Judicial Impartiality"
- Uzi Leibner, The Hebrew University, "The Archaeology of Memories in Hellenistic and Roman Palestine"
- Rachel Neis, University of Michigan, "The Reproduction of Species: Humans and Other Materials in Ancient Rabbinic 'Biology'"
- Megan Nutzman, Old Dominion University, "Asclepius and Elijah: Ritual Healing in Roman and Late Antique Palestine"
- Daniel Picus, Brown University, "Ink Sea, Parchment Sky: Reading Practices of Late Ancient Rabbis"
- Michael Swartz, Ohio State University, "The Economics of Ritual in Judaism in Late Antiquity"
- Juan Tebes, Catholic University of Argentina, "Fluid Cultural Boundaries in Idumaea and the Formation of Jewish and Idumaean Identities" ■

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Saying farewell to JCLP's sixth cohort

Paige Walker, special to the WJN

On Sunday, April 30, friends, family, and community from across the country gathered to celebrate the graduation of the 2017 Jewish Communal Leadership Program (JCLP) cohort of University of Michigan's School of Social Work. More than 70 were in attendance to support the 6th cohort of JCLP graduates: Sharon Alvandi, Avery Drongowski, Melanie Rivkin, Lauren Rouff, Haley Schreier, Mariel Schwartz, and Annie Shapiro. The Sunday morning event rounded out a busy ceremonial weekend. More intimate and low-key than other events, guests congregated and congratulated students while enjoying a Zingerman's nosh before JCLP Program Director Dr. Karla Goldman, began the program. School of Social Work Dean Lynn Videka and Professor Julian Levinson, Director of Graduate Students at the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies also offered welcome remarks and best wishes to the graduates.

Executive director of Michigan Hillel since 2008, Tilly Shames was chosen unanimously by the graduates to deliver the keynote remarks. She drew from her own experiences finding her path as a Jewish leader in Hillel. Welcoming the newly minted Jewish Communal Leaders as colleagues, she urged them to "see potential Jewish leaders all around you and to understand that your invitation to others, your investment in others, your empowerment of others, your seeing others, your taking a risk on others… that is ultimately what I hope you will each do with your degrees and your work in our community."

JCLP Class of 2017 Graduates: Pictured left to right: Sharon Alvandi, Lauren Rouff, Haley Schreier, Avery Drongowski, Mariel Schwartz, Annie Shapiro, and Melanie Rivkin

Jake Ehrlich and Essie Shachar-Hill (both JCLP '18) followed Shames, drawing upon the seven levels of mystical sefirot of the Kabbalah to describe the qualities that marked their graduating classmates. Inevitably, the program highlight were the short speeches shared by each graduate. The speeches were introspective, dynamic, enthusiastic, and demonstrated a deep commitment to social justice and Jewish Communal work, not unlike each of the graduates. Mariel Schwartz , who aspires to work with the aging population within the Jewish Community, shared that "the power of service is what drew me to the Jewish Communal Leadership program in the first place and what continues to connect me to the larger Jewish community today." Melanie Rivkin reflected, "before coming to JCLP, I was confident in wanting to engage young Jews in whatever way I could into Judaism and Jewish life. Today, I have a much more dynamic perspective of what young Jews want to see themselves, and how personal our identities are to our relationships with Judaism and Jewish life." Following the speeches, Dr. Goldman addressed each student personally before awarding them their certificate in Jewish Communal Leadership.

The entire ceremony captured the essence of JCLP — those present experienced it as thoughtful, engaging, intimate, and community-building. All of this year's graduates (who hail from New York, Nashville, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, Ann Arbor, and Metro Detroit) hope to stay put hope in Southeast Michigan. A few have already found employment (at The Well, the Holocaust Memorial Center, and Camp Tamarack); others will be seeking positions in their fields of interest as they transition to their new roles as alumni and communal leaders. As graduate Sharon Alvandi '17 ended her speech, "for now, goodbye; for tomorrow, good luck; and forever, GO BLUE."

Tilly Shame's full address can be read in the May 10t edition of eJewishPhilanthropy entitled "You Too Are Jewish Leaders" and the entire ceremony can be watched on the U-M School of Social Work YouTube channel. ■

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Generations After leads Yom HaShoah service

L:isa Carolin, staff writer

Cilla Tomas' mother and aunt survived the Holocaust as prisoners in Auschwitz. She shared their story during Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, during the April 21 service at Temple Beth Emeth.

"My mother credited her survival to her sister, who was a very strong, optimistic and clever person," said Tomas. "She worked in the kitchen in Auschwitz and was able to smuggle food for my mother when she was sick and weak and wanted to give up living."

Tomas is a member of the temple's group Generations After, who shared their connections to the Holocaust during the service.

Tomas ended her speech with the words, "Growing up, my mother taught me to be optimistic, resourceful, and mentally resilient, to question authority, and to educate myself and be curious about the world. I am very grateful for these gifts!"

Cilla Thomas at TBE

Generations After has 18 members, all of whom had relatives in the Holocaust. Their focus at the service was "The Chance to Show Humanity."

Yom HaShoah has been observed around the world since 1953 when Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Israel President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi inaugurated the commemoration. The Generations After service at Temple Beth Emeth is one of several observances that are held annually in Ann Arbor.

The Yom HaShoah observance was embedded in Beth Emeth's Erev Shabbat liturgy, which opened with an original spoken-word poem by third-generation member Isabel Ratner followed by the lighting of memorial candles and Shabbat candles. Then the family narratives began with personal stories, songs led by Cantor Regina Lambert-Hayut, and original prayers interspersed with traditional Shabbat prayers.

During the lighting of the memorial candles, six yahrzeit candles were lit for the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust and six more tapers were lit for the millions of others who perished. There was also a recitation of the names of the concentration camps and ghettos.

Generations After was formed in 2003 by Martha Solent, whose parents, Mark and Roma Solent, survived World War II in hiding and became founders of Temple Beth Emeth.

Solent approached then Rabbi Robert Levy about doing something more to mark the observance of Yom HaShoah, and he encouraged her to find second generation members of the congregation to create a new kind of service.

"Martha did so, and we've been meeting together as a temple 'affinity group' and writing original services every year since," said Joy Wolfe Ensor. "Generations After has developed 'just-like-family' kinship with one another. It offers me the chance to honor the tradition of story-telling in my family and to honor a deeply held need to transmit memory to the next generations."

As the April 21 service came to a close, Rabbi Josh Whinston told members of Generations After, "The stories you've told are nothing short of remarkable."

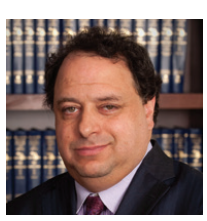
Natalie Iglewicz told the story of her mother and two aunts who were taken to a concentration camp in the hinterland of Germany.

"The Jewish prisoners, all girls, were starved and poorly dressed for the upcoming winter," said Iglewicz, explaining that her mother and aunts worked in a nearby ammunition factory.

A woman approached her mother one day and asked what terrible crime she had committed, and her mother replied that their crime was being Jewish. The woman wanted to help her, and Iglewicz' mother asked for knitting needles to enable her to pull threads from a blanket and knit her sisters and herself stockings. The next day two bicycle spokes with cork on the ends, which could be used as knitting needles, were left at her work station.

Iglewicz remembered the story and seeing the knitting needles, and when her mother died five years ago, she found them. She brought them with her to the April 21 service.

"I hope they reminded my mother of the power of one: the smile of one nameless person, and the gift that gave hope and warmth to another," said Iglewicz. The Generations After service at Temple Beth Emeth is one of several observances that are held annually in Ann Arbor.by third-generation member Isabel Ratner memorial yahrzeit moretapers s of,. ■



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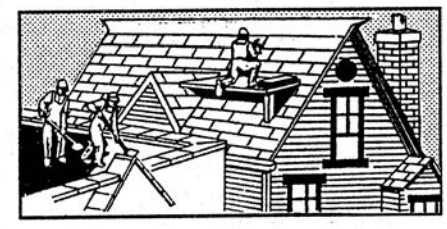

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Families can "Get Together" thanks to generous grant

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

PJ Library and PJ Our Way participant families in the greater Ann Arbor Jewish community will now have a unique opportunity to build Jewish life experiences with other families thanks to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation choosing the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor to be part of the Get Together grant program. The Ann Arbor JCC is among a select group of PJ program participant communities in North America chosen to pilot the Get Together initiative, which allows our PJ participant families to apply for micro-grants of up to $150 to create get-togethers with their Jewish friends and neighbors.

PJ Library is the flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation which provides pre-selected free Jewish picture books and associated programs to more than 125,000 families with young children ages 0-8. PJ Our Way is designed for children ages 9-11, who choose a free Jewish chapter book or graphic novel each month. Get Together micro-grants are designed to give families participating in these programs the tools to build deeper connections within their own communities and encourage them to actively engage in Jewish life, programming, and learning.

PJ Library
A Program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation

Grants are designed to fund creative opportunities like Shabbat experiences, baking, crafts, book clubs, and parent-only evenings. Get-togethers happen when and how families choose. Family Programs Coordinator for the Ann Arbor JCC, Jessica Gillespie, explains that, "this is truly an honor for our community to receive this grant and we are thrilled to be part of the global PJ community. Ann Arbor area PJ families are among the hundreds of thousands of families around the world who are expanding their Jewish experience."

According to Judi Wisch, director of community engagement for PJ Library, "PJ Library's impact goes well beyond the more than 170,000 books we send out each month across the US and Canada. We have worked closely with our local partners for years to help advance Jewish family engagement, and now we are able to add financial support to help ensure the success of great initiatives created by families." PJ Library is the flagship program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, and PJ Our Way was added to continue engagement with Jewish books as children grow.

Part of a strategy to expand Jewish engagement in the U.S. and Canada, Get Together grants are funded through the PJ Library Alliance. Partners in the Alliance include the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, the William Davidson Foundation, the Marcus Foundation, Inc., the Jim Joseph Foundation, the William & Audrey Farber Philanthropic Fund; the Diane & Guilford Glazer/Jewish Community Foundation of LA, Carl & Joann Bianco, the Howard & Geraldine Polinger Family Foundation, the Susser Family Trust, Walter, Arnee, Sarah & Aaron Winshall, and two anonymous partners.

PJ Library and PJ Our Way participant families currently living in the Ann Arbor area are invited to apply for funding to host a get-together. Applications open on Monday, May 22, 2017 and close Friday, June 30, 2017. For more information on Get Together micro-grants please visit pjlibrary.org/GetTogether or contact Jessica Gillespie at pjlibrary@jccannarbor.org. For families who are not current participants, they can subscribe to PJ Library by visiting pjlibrary.org or pjourway.org depending on the ages of the children. ■

Celebrate Israel 2017

Celebrate Israel Family Festival, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, was held on Sunday, May 21. Families of all ages enjoyed a myriad of activities, including a petting zoo; live music; arts and crafts; Israeli dancing; kosher food from Krav Maga; and more. Representatives of Nahalal, Ann Arbor's sister city in Israel, offered favorite Israeli snacks, Turkish coffee, and lively conversation. *Photos by Susan Ayer.*

Mega Challah coming to Ann Arbor

Mae E. Sander, special to the WJN

Mega Challah — an event celebrating the joy and satisfaction of baking challah — is coming to Ann Arbor on Wednesday, September 13, at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Women attending this fast-paced celebration will enjoy songs, stories, and videos by vistiting professional talent and also by local presenters.

Refreshments will include home-made challah to sample. Participants will also experience hands-on challah-making.

"Many Jewish communities in the USA and overseas have already experienced Mega Challah," said Esther Goldstein, who is organizing the event in cooperation with women from several organizations in the Ann Arbor Jewish community.

"From Boston to Miami to California and many states in between, and in Australia too, these events have inspired their participants," she continued. "Many Mega Challah celebrations have included hundreds, and at times up to 3000 participants. Even now in the planning stages, we are experiencing a lot of support for this community event.

Eileen Freed, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor said: "Around the world, Mega Challah events have provided a powerful bonding experience for women representing a broad spectrum of Jewish observance. We are delighted that so many groups in the Ann Arbor community are coming together to plan this event. We at the Jewish Federation look forward to doing our part to ensure the community is aware of this wonderful opportunity."

"Women from every part of our Jewish community are welcome to attend the event," Esther Goldstein said. "Our goal is to foster unity of the women here in our area, whatever their affiliation or practice, through the mutual experience of creating loaves of challah, and through common awareness of its role in Shabbat celebrations throughout history. We will stress the spiritual dimension of this special women's mitzvah. At the same time, we'll provide a hands-on lesson in which each woman learns by mixing, kneading, and braiding dough to produce delicious, aromatic loaves. Each participant will take home a ready-to-bake loaf to share with her family."

Mega Challah Ann Arbor is being led by Chabad in partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor, and other local Jewish women's organizations. Online registration, including a registration fee to cover expenses, and sign-ups for those who want to become sponsors of the event will begin in mid-to-late summer. Details will become available on Facebook and on a Mega Challah web page.

To learn more:

- Sign up for the Jewish Women's Circle Facebook page (Facebook: Jewish Women's Circle of Washtenaw County).
- Check the Jewish community calendar in the September WJN.
- Check the online Jewish community calendar: https://www.jewishannarbor.org/federation-calendar/our-community/community-calendar.
- Or send email to esther@jewmich.com. ■

JNF debuts new podcast series "IsraelCast"

WJN *staff writers*

Jewish National Fund (JNF-USA) launched its first-ever podcast series, "IsraelCast," to share firsthand accounts of fascinating work performed by interesting people throughout Israel. Each episode of this new bimonthly podcast will feature conversations and in-depth interviews with writers, CEOs, startup founders, culinary masterminds, activists, modern pioneers, and everyday Israelis shaping the various landscapes that make up the unique tapestry that is Israel.

New episodes of "IsraelCast" are released every other Wednesday. Listeners can subscribe via iTunes, Stitcher, or Google Play—by simply searching for "IsraelCast."

"There's so much going on in Israel, whether in the arts, technology, agriculture—you name it," says "IsraelCast" host Steven Shalowitz. "On IsraelCast, our objective is to share all this dynamic work and the inspiring people making it all happen with the wider world."

The first four episodes of "IsraelCast" are now live featuring:

- Episode #1: An introduction to "IsraelCast" by host Steven Shalowitz
- Episode #2: Jewish National Fund CEO Russell F. Robinson shares his thoughts on Israel's relevance in the world today, the drive and spirit of its people.
- Episode #3: An interview with Yedidya Harush, who currently serves as the community representative for Israeli residents living on the border with Egypt in an area called Halutza, established after Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip in 2005. Yedidya updates listeners on the exciting developments taking place there and why he's particularly excited about the Negev.
- Episode #4: A conversation with spice master Lior Lev Sercarz, owner of La Boîte, a biscuits and spice shop in New York City, and the go-to source for specialty spice blends for some of the best restaurants, bars, and chefs across the country including Le Bernardin, Chef Michael Solomonov, and PDT, among others. Lior shares his plans for a Culinary Institute in the Galilee, where he was born and raised, and talks about Israel as a food lover's paradise.

"We are thrilled to introduce you to the stories that make up the fabric of what Jewish National Fund does every day on the ground in Israel," says JNF-USA CEO Russell F. Robinson. "Every episode of IsraelCast will tell the narrative of someone whose life has been made better by our work, and we want you to be as inspired by them as we are."

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Jerusalem: City of Dreams

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

One of my favorite songs contains these simple words: "You're supposed to dream when you are young."

It's so true. Young people are supposed to dream dreams for themselves. It is also true that as we age, we realize that some of the dreams we had for ourselves will never come true.

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

Some years ago, I had to finally admit that I would never play second base for the Boston Red Sox. Since that time, I have added to that list of "never to be achieved" dreams. I also know I will never go into space nor be a network newscaster.

But it is worth remembering as well the dreams that we do fulfill and I am fortunate to have seen many of my personal dreams become reality. Both professionally and personally, many dreams that I dared to dream came true and I am so thankful that I can say that and mean it sincerely.

While it is true that we all dream about own future when we are young, it is also true that young people start to dream dreams for the world as well.

At the young age of 24, I arrived in Israel for the first time. I was entering my third year of rabbinical school and I had the privilege of spending that year in Jerusalem studying at the Jerusalem campus of the Jewish Theological Seminary and at Hebrew University.

I don't use that word "privilege" lightly. Twelve years before my arrival in Jerusalem, Israel's courageous victory in the Six Day War had enabled Jews to in fact stand at the place of our dreams. Within 24 hours of my plane landing at Ben Gurion airport, I stood at the Kotel, the Western Wall, for the first time. While I was keenly aware of my people's almost 2,000 year longing to stand at that site, I thought first of my grandmother who had told us often about her trip to Israel in 1953. She and the other members of her tour group climbed to the roof of a building outside the Old City walls and looked over the border with Jordan to try to catch even the slightest glimpse of one corner of the wall. Twenty-six years later, I stood where my grandmother could not. I realized how fortunate I was to be among the Jews who could stand at the Kotel.

We can't allow today's reality to cause us to give up on our dreams.

Despite that sense of privilege, my year in Israel was not easy in many ways. I loved being in Israel, but missed home terribly and struggled with some of what I was hearing from my professors and some of my colleagues about the role Israel must play in our spiritual lives. Looking back, I wish I had been a bit more patient to understand those opinions and perspectives better, but at that time, I felt it was my place to constantly defend my desire to return to America, to work for the Jewish community here, rather than make Aliyah.

While I struggled with my occasional homesickness and the philosophical turmoil within me, I kept returning to the area around the Kotel because of the one experience within Israel that resonated with me more deeply than any other.

I used to go to the plaza in front of the Kotel and wait for the magical moment when the sounds of a bar mitzvah celebration at the wall mixed with the sound of the cries of the muezzin from the minaret of a nearby mosque and the church bells ringing from the Christian quarter. I heard this beautiful combination of sounds on many occasions and it was the concrete symbol of my dream not only for Jerusalem and for the world; a dream of harmony, and a symbol for peace between different faiths and people. While I certainly know which sound is "mine" and which is not, I find my sound more meaningful if I know that it is combined with the other sounds rising up to the heavens.

It is a dream that so many share. It is a hope and a vision that so many of us still believe in.

Since those moments in Jerusalem as a rabbinical student, I have joined with many others who have dedicated time and energy to this dream of interfaith cooperation. I have had so many positive experiences and those experiences have helped me to continue to believe in that dream I began to feel almost 40 years ago.

I have also had the privilege of making 12 trips to Israel since that first trip, and each time I try to find more than one occasion to visit the Old City and wait for that beautiful combinations of sound. Thank God, the sounds can still be heard.

But, are people listening?

As we celebrate 50 years of a return to the Jewish Quarter and the Kotel, our celebration should be muted more than a bit, by the reality that so much conflict still exists in Jerusalem and in Israel. That our return to the Kotel has not resulted in true unity and harmony in the holy city is a tragedy. Unequal policies concerning housing and city services between Jewish and Arab sections of the city are antithetical to the vision of Jerusalem that the prophets envisioned. Violence and unspeakably horrible terrorist attacks in the city are obscene and religious intolerance both within the Jewish community and between faiths is difficult to comprehend.

I pray that the vision of a shared future will take hold in Jerusalem and that the city can be the source that leads the world to a better place.

The hopeful sounds are there, but they are not being listened to.

But, we can't allow today's reality to cause us to give up on our dreams.

I pray that the vision that so many have seen and felt in the holy city will one day take hold, not only within Jerusalem's borders, but for all Israelis and Palestinians. I pray that the vision of a shared future will take hold in Jerusalem and that the city can be the source that leads the world to a better place.

And I pray that Israel will remember and bring to fruition the dreams it dreamed not so long ago when it was younger. Israel, as a country, is still young enough not to give up on its dreams. ■

The five sounds at Sinai

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

Tuesday night, May 30, the holiday of Shavuot begins. This commemorates the day that God gave us the Torah. The holiday lasts for two days — from the eve of May 30, thru June 1. So let's learn something about the giving of the Torah.

In Exodus (19;16-19), one of the descriptions about the giving of the Torah says that there was much thunder, lightning and sounds of the shofar. If one adds up the number of times of sounds that occurred during the revelation, there will be five. As it is stated: there were sounds (plural — 2), the sound of the shofar — 3, the shofar sounding again — 4, God responded with a sound — 5. The Talmudic Rabbis deduced from this that the Torah was given with five sounds. Everything in the Torah is accurate and has meaning, especially when we are speaking about the revelation of the Torah, it was a great revelation from God to the world. The Torah says that this revelation was expressed through five sounds. So we can learn that this is an important aspect of the giving of the Torah. Through these five sounds there was something special given to us at that time. So what is so special about these five sounds?

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein

To understand that, we will first have to understand the purpose of a sound. The purpose of a sound is to reveal something that was concealed. For example, when a person speaks, through their voice is revealed what was hidden in their intellect or in their heart. Similarly in reference to the aforementioned five sounds. These are five different revelations from God. What does this mean? In general, when we speak about sounds each different one has a different character to it. For example, the sound of giving a command has its own particular style — that of strength or firmness. There is also a distinctive sound to the way an intellectual concept is relayed. The Rabbis tell us that wise people speak quietly and gently. So here is an example of one difference between sounds - a strong command and a soft, gentle explanation. Similarly, when God revealed Torah to the Jewish people at Sinai the five types of sounds represented five different revelations.

There is something special about the number five. The world in general is created from the number four. Where do we find the number four? First, the name of God has four letters. Each of these letters created a separate world or aspect in the universe. When speaking of the worlds in terms of Jewish cosmology, there are four. The three "higher" worlds are spiritual and this "lowest" fourth world is physical. Also, if one looks within our world itself, there are the four kingdoms: mineral, vegetable, animal and human. These four categories cover all aspects of creation. The mineral kingdom is the lowest level of creation. It is so low that there is no apparent sign of life in it. It is characterized as inanimate. The next level up is the vegetable kingdom. Here we notice life is present in that there is growth and reproduction but no sophisticated communication or mobility. Continuing up the scale we come to the animal kingdom. Here we find a being with a soul and a sophisticated living system with mobility, breathing and even a comparatively primitive communication system. Finally, we come to the human kingdom which stands at the top of creation. Not only do humans have souls, but we can understand the spiritual dimensions of the world thus being able to recognize and acknowledge the soul and the upper worlds above the physical world.

So here we come back to the fact that the Torah tells us that it was given with five sounds and not four sounds. If the Torah was given with only four sounds, that means God would only have revealed to the world the four levels mentioned previously describing the levels of the physical world. But because the Torah was given with five sounds tells us that God invested into the world powers that are beyond physical creation. This is what the number five is supposed to symbolize — a complete level of creation and an addition to creation. These higher levels of creation, beyond the physical creation, are what God invested into his revelation at Sinai.

This is a great advantage that a person has when they study Torah - they are able not only to get to the level of holiness that is connected to creation but they can also get to a level of holiness that is beyond physical creation - receiving it directly from God which is higher than the limitations of the physical world, i.e. the laws of nature. That is a great advantage we all have when we study Torah.

God willing, we should all prepare ourselves for this beautiful holiday of Shavuot. And as the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe would wish everyone before the holiday of Shavuot that one should receive the Torah with joy and in an inwardly way! ■

Michigan's Premier Place to Experience Shakespeare

Twenty years ago the fledgling Jackson Shakespeare Festival mounted a production of *The Taming Of The Shrew*. In the director's chair was internationally-renowned actor/director/playwright John Neville-Andrews. On stage was the first pairing of Janice Waldron and David Blixt, playing opposite each other as Kate and Petruchio. Waldron had just graduated from the Hilberry conservatory program in Detroit, while Ann Arbor native Blixt had performed as Mercutio at the festival the previous year. The results were electric.

The festival itself has grown exponentially. Named the festival's first Artistic Director, Neville-Andrews set its course for the next dozen years. As audiences came from further away, the name was changed to the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to reflect its broad appeal. In 2003 it received the official stamp of approval as the state legislature named the MSF *'The Official Shakespeare Festival of the State of Michigan.'*

This summer all three are reuniting in the show that brought them together. Twenty years later the now-married couple return to the roles in which they met, once again under the guidance of John Neville-Andrews.

Taming of the Shrew is paired with *Julius Caesar* and Blixt's new adaptation of Chekhov's *The Seagull*, with returning favorites like Shawn Pfautsch and Tobin Hissong, along with MSF Artistic Associates Janet Haley, Robert Kauzlaric, Brandon Saunders, and Alan Ball, with sets by Jeromy Hopgood, lights by Dave Stoughton, and original music by festival composer Kate Hopgood, the 2017 Michigan Shakespeare Festival promises to combine both old and new for the best season ever!

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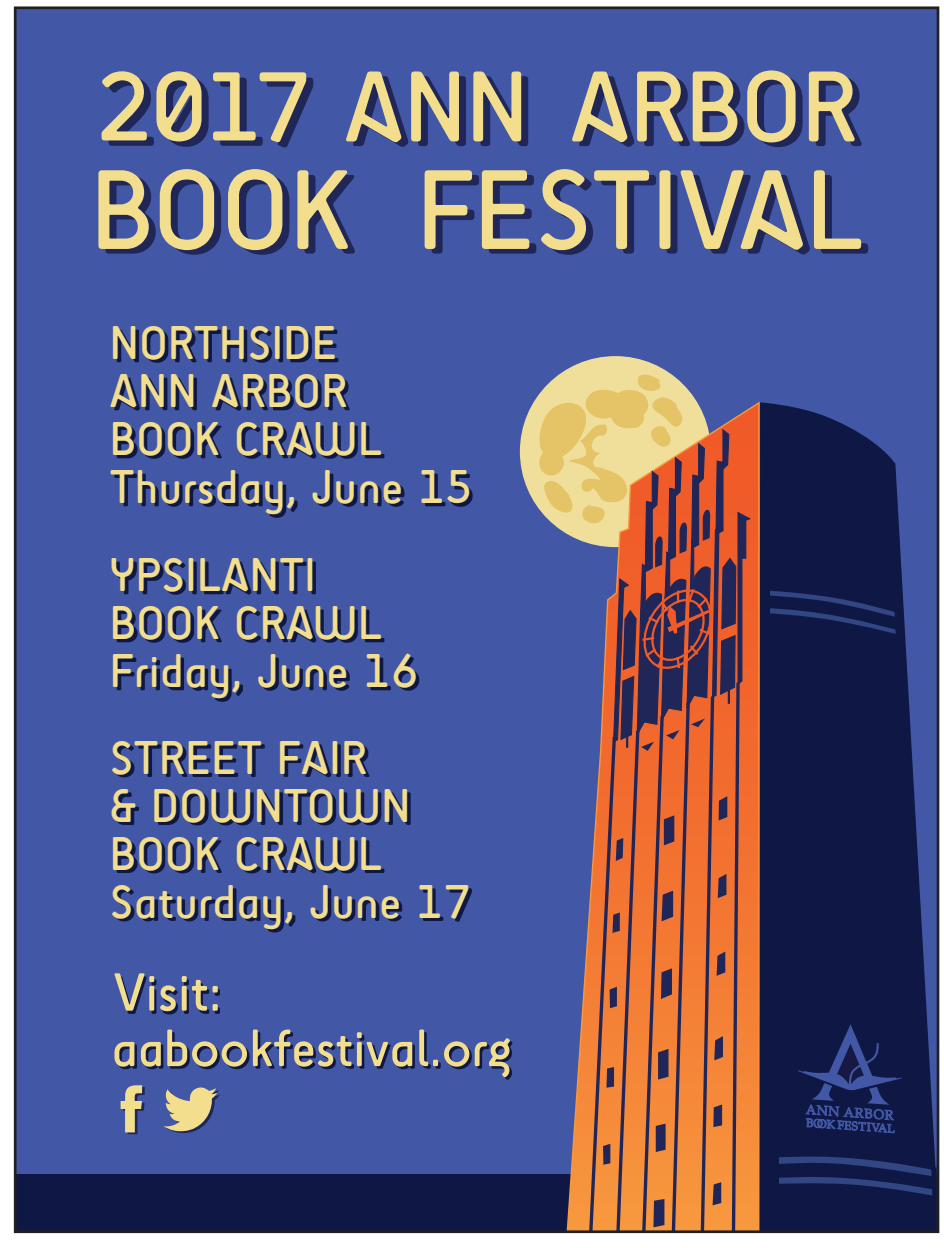

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July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 9:30 a.m.
August 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9:30 a.m.

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Saturdays, TBE Chapel.
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July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10:30 a.m.
August 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:30 a.m.

Join Rabbi Whinston and Cantor Hayut for a short Shabbat morning service.

Shabbat B'Yachad/Shabbat Together for 1-5 grades

Fridays, June 2, 9, 16 and 30, 5:45 p.m.

TBE's new series of interactive events for children in first through fifth grades will take place parallel to Tot Shabbat. Rotating activities will include Shabbat themed, crafts, yoga, and an age-specific service lead by Rabbi Josh. Sponsored by the Year of Torah Fund.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit

Thursdays, TBE Chapel.
June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1:30 p.m.
July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1 p.m.
August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 1 p.m.

For practitioners of all levels. Intention and instruction followed by 30-minute silent meditation. Facilitated by SooJi Min, Judy Freedman, and Quyen Epstein-Ngo. SooJi Min is TBE's executive director. She completed a 16-month mindfulness teacher-training program sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the Awakened Heart Project. Judy Freedman has been practicing meditation for over 20 years. She attended a three-year training in Jewish Meditation sponsored by the Philips Foundation at Chochmat ha Lev. Quyen Epstein-Ngo is a therapist who holds a joint doctoral degree in Clinical Psychology and Women's Studies. One of the areas she specializes in is working with adolescents, adults, and couples on issues of faith and spirituality. Contact SooJi Min with questions, (734) 665-4744.

Families with Young Children (FYC): Tot Shabbat Service

Friday, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
Friday, July 7, 14, 21 and 28
Friday, August 4, 11, 18 and 25

Tot (0–5 year olds) Shabbat Services, 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Tot Shabbat, 6:15 p.m. Shira Service, 6:45 p.m. All of your favorite songs led by TBE's tot team, Cantor Hayut and Rabbi Whinston.

Join in for macaroni and cheese, fish sticks, applesauce, and a salad bar immediately following the short service. Dinner is just $5 per person. Buy a punch card ahead of time for a discounted price. Punch cards are available in the TBE office.

Weekly Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation

Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m., TBE Family Room next to Sanctuary.

Yin yoga is a slow-paced style of yoga with postures, or asanas, that are held for long periods of time. Sessions are led by SooJi Min, certified yoga instructor. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket, props if needed, water and wear comfortable clothing. Contact SooJi Min, sjmin@templebethemeth.org with questions.

Brotherhood BBQ | Shabbat Achat | Terri Ginsburg Retirement

Friday, June 23

5:30 p.m. All are welcome to a BBQ before services sponsored by TBE's Brotherhood.

6:30 p.m. Shabbat Achat is fun music filed service for the whole family. Join us for the last Shabbat Achat of the session. Following the Shabbat Achat service there will be an Oneg honoring Ginsburg's retirement and her 21 years of service to Temple Beth Emeth. To register and pay for dinner, go to https://tbea2.wufoo.com/forms/myp3qi91nv1cuv/.

Men's Torah Study

Mondays, June 12 and 26, 7:30 p.m.

A men's Torah discussion group will be led monthly by Rabbi Whinston on the fourth Monday. This year the group is taking a closer look at the Talmud. Participants will find their way as men by wrestling with text. For more information, contact Bill Parkus at parkus@comcast.net.

Woman's Torah Study

Mondays, June 12 and 26, 7 p.m.

An in-depth study and lively discussion of the week's Torah portion led by Cantor Regina Hayut. The group will explore various passages from the portion looking at several translations and commentaries from a variety of scholars from Talmudic times to the modern day. No Hebrew knowledge necessary to participate in the discussion. For questions, contact Cantor Regina Hayut at cantorhayut@templebethemeth.org. ■

This summer at Beth Israel Congregation

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

"Our Big Bad Bat/Bat Mitzvah Party: A Night to Remember"

Sunday, June 4, 6–10 p.m.

Beth Israel's yearly fundraiser recreates a faux bar/bat mitzvah party, complete with a fake bar mitzvah boy, a fake bat mitzvah girl, and fake family members who will play their roles the entire evening. The event includes a reception line with hors d'oeuvres, a skit poking gentle jabs at this typical Jewish celebratory event, a dinner, and dancing to music provided by Star Trax.

T-shirt and Baseball Cap Shabbat

Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m.

This is the Shabbat when both congregants and visitors are encouraged to wear a T-Shirt (university/camp/vacation spot) along with one's favorite baseball cap. Coordinated t-shirt/baseball cap outfits are especially welcome. The Beth Israel Congregation Softball Team, competing for its second year, will be recognized during the morning. Services conclude with a Hot Dog and Veggie Dog Kiddush.

Friday night backyard Shabbats

June 30, July 7, July 28, August 4, August 28, September 1, 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Young Families enjoy a relaxing backyard Shabbat experience with a dairy dinner and pot luck side dishes or desserts held at private homes. Interested families are asked to contact Rabbi Kim Blumenthal at kblumenthal@bethisrael-aa.org.

Shabbat Mincha and Torah Study

June 10, 17, and 24 at 6 p.m.

On three Shabbat afternoons in June, Beth Israel offers a Shabbat mincha (afternoon) service followed by Torah study over light refreshments. The Shabbat mincha, service is quiet, informal and relaxed, perfect for summer Shabbat afternoons.

Annual Congregation Meeting and Dessert Reception

Sunday, June 11, 7 p.m.

Beth Israel's Annual Congregation Meeting includes a dessert reception, the election of new Beth Israel board members and officers for the 2017-2018 membership year and their installation, the presentation of Honorable Menschen Awards to volunteers who have made a difference over the past year, and the approval of the budget for the coming fiscal year. Beth Israel's achievements over the past year will be marked, and goals for the upcoming year will be announced.

Tisha B'av (The 9th of Av)

Monday night, July 31, 9 p.m. and Tuesday, August 1, 8 a.m.

The 9th of Av marks the destruction of the first and second temples and other tragedies occurring in Jewish history. Both services include the chanting of Megillat Eicha, the Book of Lamentations. This book, read only on Tisha B'av, is full of poignant images of destruction and pain and yet, underneath all of its sadness, is a hope for a return and a reconciliation with God.

A mincha service at 2:30 p.m. on August 1 includes the special Torah readings and haftarah for the holiday.

Bounce, Barbecue and Barchu

Friday, July 14, 6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m. Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Enjoy a delicious grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner followed by a summery outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel's courtyard. Beth Israel's new program director, Sarah Klein will be introduced. Kids will be able to have fun in a Bounce House. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is July 12. Those interested are asked to call or email the office for reservations. After the deadline interested people are asked to call the office first and check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal.

The Beth Israel flower and vegetable garden

Work days: June 4, July 9. August 6, 10 a.m.–noon

For the tenth year in a row Beth Israel maintains a garden at County Farm Park in Ann Arbor at Platt and Washtenaw. The garden is a part of County Farm Park's Project Grow. The garden supplies vegetables to local food banks. Approximately half of the produce is donated to Food Gatherers. Everyone in the community can experience the joy of agriculture by visiting the garden or volunteering to work with a friendly group of people. Prior experience not required. Contact Michael Simon for more information at simonm@kormanos.org .

Shabbat in the Park

Friday, August 11, 6 p.m. at the County Farm Park (2230 Platt Road, Ann Arbor)

Participants experience an informal outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service led by the Beth Israel Rabbis in a natural environment, located near the Beth Israel Garden. (Participants will meet under the pavilions just inside the park entrance.) The Shabbat evening service is followed by a dairy potluck Shabbat Dinner, which includes produce from the Beth Israel garden. Beth Israel provides veggie lasagna, macaroni and cheese, drinks, salad and place settings, as well as grape juice for Kiddush and challah. County Farm Park is located at the southwest corner of Washtenaw and Platt.

Balloons, Barbecue and Barchu

Friday, August 25, 6 p.m. Dinner; 7 p.m. Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Join in for a second barbecue of the season with grilled hamburger and hot dog dinner

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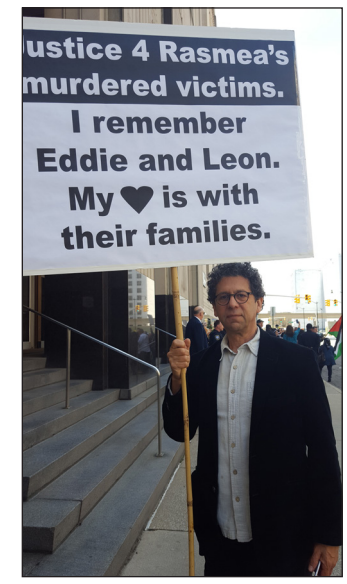
Rasmieh Odeh pleads guilty

Joan Lowenstein, special to the WJN

Six days before Israel's Memorial Day, on April 25, 2017, the terrorist Rasmieh Odeh pled guilty to immigration fraud in a packed Detroit courtroom. Odeh, 69, had been convicted in 1970 in Israel for her role in the murder of two Hebrew University students and was sentenced to life in prison. Odeh was the mastermind not only in the Jerusalem Supersol attack, but also in a bombing of the British Consulate. When she entered the United States in the mid-90's, and later when she applied for U.S. citizenship, Odeh lied to federal officials and illegally hid the fact that she had served 10 years in an Israeli prison. She was freed in a prisoner swap engineered by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), for an Israeli reservist captured in Lebanon.



Dan Cutler at hearing in April

In a November 2014 trial in Detroit, Odeh was convicted of lying on her immigration forms and sentenced to 18 months in prison, then deportation, but on appeal, a federal appellate court said the trial judge should have allowed expert testimony as to whether PTSD caused by her alleged torture in Israel prevented her from answering the immigration forms correctly.

Her new trial was scheduled for January of this year and then postponed until May, but Odeh decided to plead guilty to avoid a possible prison term. She will still be stripped of her citizenship and deported. Her allegations of torture have never been substantiated. An International Red Cross official who observed Odeh's six-month trial in Israel found no evidence of it and she confessed the day after her arrest, leaving little time for the extensive torture she claims she was subject to.

Odeh was so revered for killing the students, one of whom had lived in Michigan, that the Black September hijacker and terrorist Leila Khaled dubbed a 1970 hijacking of a Swissair flight, "Task Force Rasmieh Odeh." Two years before she immigrated to the United States, Odeh can be seen in a documentary film together with co-conspirator Aisheh Odeh, who planted the 1969 supermarket bomb, and Leila Khaled in what the U.S. Attorney's office described as a "terrorist reunion." The U.S. Attorney's office argued in Odeh's previous 2014 sentencing hearing that the documentary showed she could not possibly have simply "forgotten" to mention her history of terrorism in the immigration papers.

Judge Gershwin A. Drain accepted the plea agreement Odeh had signed. The plea agreement required her to admit her guilt in procuring citizenship contrary to law, but when the judge asked her, "Are you pleading guilty or not guilty?" Odeh could not bring herself to actually say the word "guilty." She said, "I think this paper says what you want."

"But are you guilty or not guilty?" asked Judge Drain. She stated, "I think to sign this it makes me guilty." The judge agreed and declared that the Court would accept Odeh's plea of guilty. She will be deported to another country that will accept her, with the approval of the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, or to her country of citizenship, Jordan. In the plea agreement, Odeh waives her right to appeal her sentence.

The judge set a sentencing date of August 17, 2017 at 2 p.m. He did say that according to the plea agreement Odeh would be sentenced to time served, about five months. She is currently subject to a travel restriction that prevents her from leaving her home in the Chicago area. Her attorney, Michael Deutsch, asked Judge Drain to lift the travel restriction but the judge said that was up to Pretrial Services in Northern Illinois, the probation office that has been in charge of keeping track of Odeh.

"There is no reason for me to treat you any differently from any other defendants," the judge said.

Surviving family of one of Odeh's victims, Edward Joffe, attended the court proceedings and sat in the front row along with former U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, now a law professor at the University of Michigan.

About 50 Odeh supporters, mostly from the Chicago area, demonstrated outside the Federal Courthouse in Detroit before the hearing. A single demonstrator, Dan Cutler of Ann Arbor, carried a sign in support of the victims' families. The Rasmieh supporters then filled the courtroom and an overflow room during the hearing. After the hearing, a number of them crowded the hallway, refusing to leave, and had to be directed to the elevators by U.S. Marshals.

Outside, they reconvened to chant against Israel and declare that they had "won" by putting Israel on trial. ■

First Friday Shabbats with the Jewish Cultural Society

Barbara Banet, special to the WJN

Jewish Cultural Society will host its First Friday Shabbat on June 2, 6:30–9 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor. Everyone in the community is invited to join the JCS in welcoming Shabbat with secular readings, songs, candle lighting, wine, and challah. Dinner will follow the short observance. Children are welcome. Dinner is free for JCS members, and is $10/person or $25/family for non-members. The second First Friday Shabbat (JCS) of the summer will take place on August 4, 6:30–9 p.m., at the JCC. Register online for both events at www.jewishculturalsociety.org/observances/shabbat/

Reflecting on my trip to Israel

By Jimmy Lechtner

This past summer, I spent a month, from July 5 to August 5, in Israel. I went on my trip with other Jewish teens from my temple and around the area. The goal of our trip was to connect ourselves with the land of Israel in a way that was very unique and special. To do this, we tried to do as much non-touristy stuff as we could to get a deeper understanding of the Land of Israel.

In a way to learn about the entire history of the land, we traveled through Israel while learning about its history chronologically. We started in Jerusalem, learning about the ancient history of Israel in the old city and surrounding areas. Walking through the old city was incredible. I would often stop to think about all the history that happened right under my very feet. It was also incredible to think that these buildings were built more than 2,000 years ago and are still standing strong. One really unique experience that we were able to have was to be able to crawl through the caves that were used thousands of years ago to fight the Romans.

After our first week in Jerusalem, we traveled south to experience Israeli life in the desert. One of the best things that we got to do while in Israel was watch the sunrise from the top of Masada. To be able to have this experience, we woke up at 3:30 am and immediately started walking up the snake trail. Climbing Masada was much more difficult than I expected it to be, but it was all worth it once we got to the top of the largest mountain in Israel and looked out to see the sun rise over the mountains in the distance. During our time in the south, we stayed on Kibbutz Ketura. At Ketura, I really got to know what a kibbutz actually was — a community in which everybody provides as much as they can for the community, and take what they need. One of the most unique things that I got to do was spend a night in a Bedouin tent. In addition to the dinner being one of the best meals I had all summer, it was incredible to sleep outside in the desert, a 10,000,000 star hotel as our tour guide, Shai, would call it. On our second last day in the desert, we went on a hike in Eilat. We went on many different hikes this summer, but I remember that this one in Eilat had the best view of any hike we went on, and one of the most beautiful of the entire trip. This was towards the end of the hike, when we got to the top of one of the mountains. I looked down to the Red Sea,

Jimmy Lechtner (right)

and I remember thinking how incredibly blue and pretty the sea was. What made the view even more amazing was learning that, while we were standing in Israel, if we looked next to us, we could see Egypt; if we looked across from us, we were watching Jordan, and if we looked far out into the distance, we could see Saudi Arabia. I've never seen four states at one time, so seeing four countries at a time was unbelievable.

In our travels back up to the north, we really got to know Israel's history in becoming a country. We visited the Palmach Museum and Independence Hall while in Tel Aviv. It was surreal to be in Independence Hall, looking up at the picture of Theodor Herzl and knowing that David Ben-Gurion declared Israel's independence in this same room almost 70 years ago. For this part of the trip we stayed at Kibbutz HaOn on the Sea of Galilee. Of all the beautiful places we got to stay, HaOn was the most stunning. One night, everybody on the trip split up into small groups and visited a Kibbutz family's house for a few hours. This was an incredible experience that I was only able to have because I went on this trip. I went to the home of a family with ties to Camp Tamarack with two friends, and we were able to personally learn about the differences in American culture versus Israeli culture.

One of my favorite things that I got to do while in Israel was the Sea-to-Sea trip. This was a four-day, three-night trip where we hiked from the Sea of Galilee to the Mediterranean Sea. Waking up early in the morning, hiking all day, and sleeping under a 10,000,000 star hotel at night was truly an unforgettable experience and it is impossible for any picture to truly capture how amazing this was. What was also really cool was that at the beginning of the trip we filled up a bottle of water from the Sea of Galilee, and at the end we dumped it into the Mediterranean Sea, connecting the beginning to the end.

Just like how Sea-to-Sea connected the beginning to the end, so did our trip as a whole. Just like how we started our trip with six nights at Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem, we finished our trip with six nights at Ramat Rachel. We visited Yad Vashem and Mt. Herzl back to back, which was a very powerful and emotional experience.

While the beginning of the trip we focused on the ancient history of Israel, the end of our trip focused on the future of Israel. We went to Tel Aviv to visit modern improvements in Israel, such as new high tech companies and buildings.

My summer in Israel was the best of my life, and I would not have been able to go without the generous help from the Lichter family through The Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship. I was able to experience things that I will never get to do again, and make friends that will last me a lifetime. I cannot thank the Lichter family enough for providing me, and other teens in our community, the opportunity to go to Israel — truly a great thing to do. ■

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(veggie alternatives available) followed by a summery outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat service in Beth Israel's courtyard. Featured balloon artists to be announced. There is a fee, and the deadline for reservations is August 23. Those interested are asked to call or email the office for reservations. After the deadline interested people are asked to call the office first and check to see if more people can be accommodated. Payment is accepted before the meal.

Summer Tot Shabbat

June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, August 13 and August 26, 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat is Beth Israel's Shabbat morning program for toddlers and preschoolers along with their families. Tot Shabbat features singing, dancing, stories, and prayers to celebrate Shabbat.

Tot Shabbat meets at Beth Israel downstairs in room 15. Following services child size tables are set out for Tot Shabbat kids and their families are always invited to stay to enjoy a Kiddush lunch with the rest of the congregation.

Summer Services

Daily and Shabbat services continue all summer long on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and on Fridays evenings, usually at 6 p.m. Hours may vary on Friday evening. Check the Beth Israel calendar at www.bethisrael-aa.og.

Complimentary tickets for High Holidays for newcomers, graduate students and first and second year medical residents, and special dues for those 35 and under

Individuals and families who have moved to Washtenaw County since last Yom Kippur, may request High Holiday tickets at no charge as Beth Israel's way of welcoming them into the local Jewish community. Graduate students and First and Second Year Residents with I.D.s may also request free individual tickets. Request forms must be submitted before each holiday as no tickets can be purchased immediately prior to any service.

People who are age 35 or younger may become members at a special rate of $300 for the whole family for their first year of membership (plus USCJ dues assessment of $37.25).

Tickets for the High Holidays are provided free of charge to all members of Beth Israel in good standing. Non-members may purchase tickets for the High Holiday Services, although no tickets are required for the Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Celebration for Young Children. Those interested in further information are asked to call the synagogue office at (734) 665-9897

All Beth Israel events open to non-members

All Beth Israel events are open to the general community, and many are offered at no cost. Please call 665-9897 for additional information about the summer events.

Additional summer events will be posted on Beth Israel's website, www.bethisrael-aa.org ■

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Always a part of the family

Jennifer Rosenberg, special to the WJN

At the Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, the period between Passover break and the end of the school year is always something of a mad dash. So much to learn, so much to teach, so much to do, and too little time for it all.

No one feels this more acutely than the fifth-graders, who are not only poised to wrap up a year's work, but are preparing for the end of

their time at HDS and the eventual transition to middle school. This means finishing up the "I am Jewish" project, through which our students connect with Jewish adults in the community to learn about their sense of Jewish identity and the role that Judaism plays in their lives, and to reflect on the role Judaism plays in their own lives at this moment in time. It means the combination of reflecting on the past and dreaming about the future that comes with preparing yearbook pages. And it means rehearsing for the performance that will take place at graduation itself — a play that calls upon the fifth graders to sing and to act, in Hebrew and in English, while exploring themes appropriate to the occasion that are drawn from Jewish text and tradition.

Part of what makes the graduation performance so special is the fact that one can see in the graduates' eyes a sense that something important and meaningful is about to change — that a chapter in their lives is coming to a close. Often, the relationships among the students extend back not just to that first year in the Gan, but to the preschool and day-care classrooms at the JCC's Early Childcare Center and elsewhere. So that last performance represents not only the culmination of the kids' time at HDS, but a turning point in friendships and connections that go back many years.

Some of those friendships will survive into middle school and beyond. Others won't. But most of these students will find ways to reconnect during the post-elementary-school years through Jewish tradition, ritual, and community. They will celebrate Bar and Bat Mitzvahs together as 7th and 8th graders, supporting one another as each takes his or her turn to lead *t'filot* or Torah services at one of the *kehillot* in Ann Arbor. Some will experience the excitement of Jewish overnight camping together. Many may be reunited as 9th graders on the Federation-led trip to Moshav Nahalal in Israel. Some may participate in the Keshet program (Hebrew language classes for high schoolers), and some may even become roommates in college, like alumni Zach Colton and Eli Turner, who are studying at the University of Michigan.

When Hebrew Day School students begin their formal school experience in Gan, they become a part of the HDS family. They spend the next six years with this specific group of children — learning, growing, and finding their way in the world. And, indeed, they begin to interact like siblings. They get to know one another's idiosyncrasies, strengths, and weaknesses. They argue with one another, and they annoy one another. With and through each other, they learn how to compromise, negotiate, cooperate, and empathize. They learn what it means to be a friend and, ultimately, they love and support one another. Together they create deep and foundational memories. These are the experiences upon which identity is built — in this case, not only identity as individuals, but as Jews. And it is Jewish identity that reunites each class of graduates with their HDS family in the years that follow. ■

For more information about Hebrew Day School and to schedule a personal tour, contact Ali Reingold areingold@hdsaa.org or (734) 971-4633.

Celebrating the Jewish year at Beth Israel Religious School

Cindy Saper, special to the WJN

Students at Beth Israel Religious School celebrated all year, experiencing each holiday and facet of Jewish life through both traditional and creative expressions. The

year began with kindergarten through fifth grade students performing a play at "A Toast to the New Year" community celebration, and ended with second through fifth students using individually created "Gardens of Torah" to lead their parents in discussion preceding the holiday of Shavuot. Other memorable moments included exploring the science of light with the Ann Arbor Hands On Museum, helping others at Family Mitzvah Day, crafts and baking for Shabbat and holidays, and experiential Tu B'shvat and Passover programs. Learn more about the enriching year being planned for 2017-2018, by contacting Cindy Saper, Director of Education, at (734) 769-2041 or school@bethisrael-aa.org. ■

AARC's Beit Sefer open for Fall 2017 enrollment

Clare Kinburg, special to the WJN

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation's Beit Sefer/Religious School is currently enrolling new students for the up-coming school year. The school's multi-age, small classrooms offer students from tots through b'nei mitzvah a personalized introduction to creative, open and evolving American Judaism.

The Beit Sefer begins and ends the school year with active, outside learning. From students building a Sukkah in the fall, to lighting a bonfire for Lag b'Omer in the spring, the small school is big on family involvement and hands-on learning.

A tenet of Reconstructionist Judaism is that the traditions of the past "have a vote but not a veto" on current practices. For the Beit Sefer, this means that students are taught Jewish tradition with a goal of having them both be comfortable in any Jewish setting as well as feeling confident to create new rituals and observances with contemporary meaning. Students learn Hebrew, prayer, holiday observances as well as Jewish history and culture around the world. Each Beit Sefer class helps lead a Shabbat service during the year, with the oldest class (pre-b'nei mitzvah) culminating the year by helping to lead a Shabbat morning service.

One parent reports, "I really like that the Beit Sefer and AARC have led my son to developing an enthusiastic, proud Jewish identity that's not tribal or elitist. I think the real sign that we're on the right track is that my kids are excited to go to Beit Sefer and AARC events, and were bummed when Beit Sefer wrapped up for the summer."

Membership in AARC is not required for enrolling in the religious school. There will be several upcoming ways to find out if AARC Beit Sefer is right for your family. Prospective families are invited to an ice cream social the last week in August and to an Open House during Sukkot. For details about these events or any other questions regarding the AARC Beit Sefer, contact School Director Clare Kinberg at (734) 395-4438 or ckinberg@gmail.com.

The AARC Beit Sefer meets at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor on Sunday mornings from 9:30–11:30 a.m. ,September through May. ■

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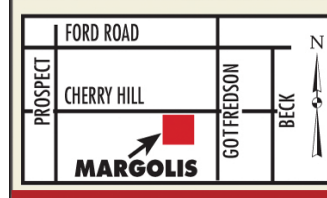

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Summery Shabbats

Mary Bilyeu, staff writer

Shabbat during the winter offers consummate coziness: respite from the cold - complete with a hot, hearty meal - coupled with an opportunity to rest and recover from the stresses of the work week. This warms us both physically and spiritually, as the candles bring light to the dark and loved ones at our table bring joy to our lives.

In the summer, though, Shabbat takes on an entirely different aura: light, bright evenings filled with lighter, brighter foods. Fresh-picked berries from a backyard bush. Homegrown tomatoes harvested still warm with sunshine just in time to be sliced and served. Perhaps zucchini which will find its way onto the grill as a side dish, into a skillet for a frittata, into a quick bread for dessert, and even onto a neighbor's porch to share the abundant bounty.

Peaches, plums, cherries (both sweet and tart), berries, apricots, rhubarb, and nectarines … 'tis the season for them to shine. And how better to show them off than to feature them in a homespun, homemade, handmade pie?

Kate McDermott, in her James Beard Award-nominated cookbook *Art of the Pie: A Practical Guide to Homemade Crusts, Fillings, and Life*, recommends using "not just any fruit" if you want to make a perfect pie. This is not the time to take not-quite-ripe or overripe fruit, imperfect fruit, or fruit that's out of season and try to turn it into a superstar player when it's not even worthy of being banished to right field.

"For a top-notch pie we need what I call 'pie-worthy fruit. This is fruit with flavor that dances on your tongue and sends little currents and shivers of sweet and tart right through you …. Once you experience flavor like this, it's hard, if not impossible, to return to fruit with lackluster flavor. No matter how much sweetener or seasoning you add, all you will taste is sugar and spice."

But who said a pie necessarily has to be sweet? Quiche is an ideal way to celebrate savory produce, welcoming herbs and vegetables that have been infused with summer sunshine - everything from corn, garlic scapes, and fennel to spinach, basil, or thyme.

Rather than choosing whether to serve a sweet treat or a savory selection, perhaps it would be fun to host a Shabbat pie potluck, so you can serve a main dish pie or two and then offer a buffet of fruit, custard, or even ice cream pies for dessert. Individually-portioned hand pies are particularly fun for children to hold and devour with pure, joyful abandon.

"Pie is an ambassador of love. Pie doesn't care about perfection or precision," Ms. McDermott writes.

"Although nice for the baker, pie couldn't care less if it merits a blue ribbon at the fair. What matters is that it continues to be made, shared, and taught so that there will be an unbroken line of future generations of pie makers practicing the craft. When you put all of that together, pie teaches us that - far more important than the right sugar, or ratio of fat to flour - love is the most important ingredient."

It's summertime, and the livin' is easy … easy as pie, that is.

So serve some at your next Shabbat dinner. Because, as McDermott says: "Made with hands and hearts, pie is love, and love is best when shared." ■

All recipes below are adapted from Kate McDermott, Art of the Pie

Butter and shortening dough

To make a pie crust that is pareve, use all shortening.

- 2½ cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 8 tablespoons salted or unsalted butter, cold, cut into tablespoon-size pieces
- 8 tablespoons vegetable shortening
- ½ cup ice water plus 1-2 tablespoons more, as needed

Put all ingredients but the ice water in a large bowl.

With clean hands, quickly smoosh the mixture together, or use a pastry blender with an up-and-down motion, until the ingredients look like cracker crumbs with lumps the size of peas and almonds.

Sprinkle ice water over the mixture and stir lightly with a fork. Squeeze a handful of dough to see if it holds together. Mix in more water, as needed.

Divide the dough in half and make two chubby discs about 5 inches across. Wrap the discs separately in plastic wrap and chill for an hour.

When ready to bake, take out the dough discs and let them temper until they feel slightly soft to the touch and easy to roll out.

Unwrap one disc and place it on a well-floured board or pastry cloth. Sprinkle some flour onto the top of the disc. Thump the disc with your rolling pin several times. Turn it over and thump the other side. Sprinkle more flour onto the top of the dough as needed to keep the pin from sticking, and roll the crust out from the center in all directions.

When the dough is 1-2 inches larger than your pie pan, brush off the extra flour on both sides. Fold the dough over the top of the pin and lay it in the pie pan carefully, then continue with recipe instructions.

Yield: Enough crust for one double-crust pie or two single-crust pies

Rustic Tart

"In France, these are known as gallettes; in Italy, crostata. The amount and kind of filling you put inside doesn't have to be exact," says Kate McDermott.

- 1 recipe double-crust pie dough
- 4 cups fresh fruit
- 2-3 tablespoons cornstarch (the higher quantity is for juicier fruits)
- ¼ cup sugar, plus extra
- Small grating of fresh nutmeg

Egg wash:

- 1 egg white plus 1 tablespoon water, fork beaten

Roll the dough out to about 14 inches in diameter and about ¼ inch thick and place on a parchment-covered sheet pan.

Stir together the fruit and the cornstarch; place in the middle of the dough, leaving a 2-3 inch border. Sprinkle the fresh fruit evenly with sugar and nutmeg.

Fold the edges of the dough up and over the filling and overlap, leaving an opening in the center. Chill in the fridge or freezer for 30 minutes until the dough is firm.

Preheat the oven to 425°.

Lightly brush some of the egg wash over the crust and sprinkle with some extra sugar. Bake for 10 minutes, then turn the oven down to 375F and bake for 30 minutes more, until golden brown.

Yield: Two tarts

Savory Summer Harvest Ratatouille Pie

"According to what is available at my own farmers' market, the specific ingredients change every time I make this pie," writes Kate McDermott, "so feel free to improvise and embellish with what is in season at yours."

- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium-to-large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves (more if you like)
- 1 eggplant, peeled and cubed
- 1 sweet pepper, seeded and chopped
- 5 tomatoes, peeled, seeded, and cubed
- 2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- 1 recipe double-crust pie dough
- 1 handful of fresh basil, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Egg wash:

- 1 egg plus 2 tablespoons water, fork beaten

In a heavy frying pan, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook until the onions are wilted (about 8 to 10 minutes). Add the eggplant and cook for another 5 minutes. Add the zucchini, pepper, tomatoes, and vinegar, cover, and cook for about 30 minutes, until the vegetables have cooked down a bit. If there is too much liquid, remove the cover and reduce.

Stir in the chopped basil and cool the filling completely. If there is still a lot of liquid in the pan, place the filling in a mesh colander and let the juice drip through. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Roll out one disc of pie dough on a well-floured surface and place it into a 9-inch deep dish pie pan. Pour the cooled filling into the unbaked pie shell and top with a lattice crust or a full top crust with vents. Trim excess dough from the edges, press crusts together at edges, and crimp.

Chill the pie while you are preheating the oven to 475F.

Brush the pie with egg wash. Bake for 10 minutes.

Turn the oven down to 375° and bake for 20 minutes more, or until the crust is a nice golden color.

Yield: One 9-inch deep dish pie

Sour Cherry Pie

"This recipe won me my first Best of Show ribbon," writes Kate McDermott. If you use sweet, rather than sour, cherries, "you will want to reduce the sugar to about 5/8 cup and add 2 teaspoons of lemon juice to give it a bright flavor."

- 1 recipe double-crust pie dough
- 6 cups (about 1-1/2 to 2 pounds) pitted fresh sour pie cherries, drained, or unthawed frozen cherries
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- A very small grating of nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon Cointreau or other orange liqueur or juice
- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- ½ tablespoon butter
- 1-2 teaspoons sugar, for sprinkling on top of the pie

Egg wash:

- 1 egg white plus 1 tablespoon water, fork beaten

Preheat the oven to 425°.

Line a pie pan with one of the crusts. Set aside in the refrigerator until chilled.

Place the cherries, 1 cup sugar, lemon juice, nutmeg, salt, Cointreau, and quick-cooking tapioca into a big bowl, and mix until the fruit looks like it is coated with coarse wet sand. Pour the filling into the chilled crust and dot the top with the butter. Place the pie in the fridge.

Roll out the other pie crust, lay it over the fruit, and cut 5 or 6 vents on top (or cut strips and make a lattice top). Trim excess dough from the edges, press crusts together at edges, and crimp.

Lightly brush some of the egg wash over the entire pie, including the edges.

Bake for 20 minutes, then reduce heat to 375F and bake 25 more minutes. Open the oven and quickly sprinkle the top of the pie with the remaining sugar. Close the oven and continue baking for another 10-15 minutes, or until you see steady bubbling in the filling coming through the vents or lattice. If you don't see steady bubbling, cover the pie loosely with foil, turn up the oven to 445F, and bake for an additional 5-6 minutes.

Remove the pie from the oven and cool completely so that the filling has a chance to set up.

Yield: 1One 9-inch deep dish pie

When good men do nothing: *Girl in the Hat Shop*

Rochel Urist, staff writer

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Edmund Burke's words are quoted as preface for Leila Cassell's 2016 novel, *Girl in the Hat Shop.* The book begins with a diary entry dated 1928. It reads: "I am eight years old when I make my first big mistake. I tell my mother I can see someone who isn't really there." The diary belongs to the novel's protagonist, Fay Abrams. She writes that when she tells her mother about this vision, her mother is horrified. Fay is taken aback by her mother's reaction. Why should her vision evoke such horror? The woman Fay described—in detail—was there. Fay saw her, clear as day.

The second page is dated 1940. It is another of the girl's diary entries. But Fay is now a young woman mourning Bernard, her fiancé. Fay, the girl of the book's title, describes being in a social hall for a dance. Music plays, couples swirl. The only ones not dancing are Fay and Bernard. Fay has had a vision of his imminent death. He will die in a blaze of gunfire, fighting the Nazis in Germany. She knows that this is the last time she will see him alive. She feels blessed to have his love, cursed to know she is about to lose him.

Leila Cassell

The setting then moves to the *shiva* house. Friends and neighbors come to visit. They offer words of condolence. But they are flummoxed by what appears to be Fay's dry-eyed stoicism. She feels like an outsider, never having had the opportunity to marry into the grieving family. She is not officially a mourner and is denied a mourner's bench. To the reader, she is the most poignant and immediate of the mourners. To the family, she doesn't quite count.

She is an outsider, too, because she has spent her life hiding her "gift." Her mother's frightening reaction to her earliest vision made clear that Fay's clairvoyance was a curse. This notion is confirmed when Fay learns that years earlier, her grandmother had been burnt at the stake for witchcraft. Despite knowing that her visions of future events are accurate predictions, she can neither boast of nor acknowledge them. Late in the novel, she learns that her mother has her own history of presentiments. Her mother, too, has kept that history secret. Meanwhile, no one knows quite how to empathize with or even talk to Fay. She is stubbornly self-sufficient. Many see her as anti-social. But to the reader, she is sympathetic.

In this historical fiction, Leila Cassell has combined her aunt's war accounts with those she found in her considerable research into the war period. She discovered the story of Helen Duncan who, in 1944, was tried and convicted of witchcraft in accordance with the archaic, 1735 Witchcraft Act. (The act was finally repealed in 1951.) In *Girl in the Hat Shop*, Fay's grandmother is a recreation of Helen Duncan—although Duncan was not burnt at the stake.

The opening inscription, by Edmund Burke, reflects Cassell's own conflict regarding "doing something" versus "doing nothing." In her epilogue, Cassell writes: "I learned about attitudes to class and discovered how people carried on with their lives in the face of danger." Though Fay is aware that her grandmother's "crime"—an involuntary capacity to see the future—was neither criminal nor fabricated, she cannot help but wonder how she would fare in a court of law. The reader—and Fay's mother—are well aware of other prospective dangers. She could be deemed a spy, or a traitor. Having suffered from the lingering stigma of her own mother's tragic experience, and having been afflicted with her own paranormal dilemmas, Fay's mother has long urged her daughter to remain mum. "Keep your visions to yourself," she advises her daughter. But when Fay sees the oncoming blitz clear as day, in a series of terrifying sounds and graphic images, she reveals her visions to an acquaintance with connections to power. Suspense follows. Will Fay be tried as a spy? A witch? Will she be exposed? Punished? How?

Today, such paranormal activity makes for blockbuster films. In history, the stigma of clairvoyance was not so lucrative. In the twists and turns of Cassell's story, all worthy of Agatha Christie, we develop a kinship with the characters. We care. The writing is compelling, the intentions noble. Cassell has a keen ear for dialogue, and she strings her words into deft prose. Having Fay work in a hat shop increases the protagonist's encounters with people outside her small, Jewish circle. One of these encounters propels the story.

I read the book in one gulp. I confess to wondering, at first, whether the author was exploiting our fascination with the uncanny, manipulating her readers into being entertained by the surreal elements that have captured our culture's imagination. I soon dismissed that suspicion. The plot and writing hold their own. In the course of the novel, despite inner turmoil, Fay uses her visions to help save lives. The pressing question of the book is: who will save her?

Given the current political scene, where accusations are heedlessly lobbed among adjudicators of "truth," it is hard to distinguish fake from real news. Fay's news, however paranormal, is real. But will people believe her? How long can she save people from catastrophe by sending them to places that will keep them safe? It is a short-lived ruse. Sharing inspired ideas for entertainments can work for only so long. Ultimately, she needs to accept her curse as a gift. To do so, she must allow the chips to fall where they may.

Cassell's story conveys a real sense of what it was to live as a Jew in London, England, during World War II. In that respect, the book resembles *The Innocents*, by Francesca Segal. Published in 2012, Segal's novel was both a paean and satire of Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence.* Wharton (a Pulitzer Prize winner and notorious anti-Semite) begins her story at the opera. Wharton pans and scans the costumes on and off stage. Segal does the same, though her setting is not an opera house. It's a synagogue in an affluent, contemporary Jewish community in London, England, where Jews have gathered for *Erev Yom Kippur* services. People are decked out in their finest. Every detail of their outfits is recorded. Likewise, Cassell draws portraits of her novel's character by skillfully exposing the details of their clothes, make-up, and gestures. For instance, when a certain Rosa Feldman, a meddling acquaintance, appears on the scene

> "Dabbing her eyes with a tiny lace handkerchief, [she] sighed, opened an enameled compact, dusted her nose with a pale pink powder puff, snapped the compact shut, slipped it into the tasseled bag that hung from her wrist and sailed across the floor toward the table where Fay sat, holding the collar of her coat against her cheek, her eyes dark hollows of misery.
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> —*'Not dancing, Fay?' she said brightly.*"

Fay escapes that encounter, but she's on her own thereafter. Luckily, she's a quick study. She learns, in short order, to fight and win her own battles.

The tale is redolent with the voice and atmosphere of the Gilded Age. Writers of the day included Edith Wharton, Jane Austen, George Elliot, the Bronte sisters, and Henry James. The Gilded Age was a period that fell roughly between the end of the American Civil War and World War I. "Gilded" is a satiric play on the promised "golden age" that was to follow the Civil War. The word is borrowed from an 1873 novel co-authored by Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner, *The Gilded Age: A Tale of Today.* The book satirized greed and political corruption in post-Civil War America. In Europe, the period was called "La Belle Epoque." It's the period that ushered in Impressionism. It was also the heyday of Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, whose popularity was universal. His penetrating visions turned him into the sleuth for all times. He used facts to make deductions. In this way, he discerned patterns that allowed him to predict and thwart future dangers. It's ironic that despite his capacity for assessing, in clear-eyed fashion, the outcome of human behavior, his fictional sleuthing was followed by those who ignored, or turned a blind eye, to the very real horrors brewing in Europe. Those are the horrors that begat this book. Cassell peers at those horrors through a tempering lens. We know what happened. She needn't—and doesn't—go into details. She simply tells this moving tale of the girl in the hat shop. ■

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Thursday 1

Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Confirmation Blessing: TBE. 7:15–8:45 p.m.

Shavuot Mincha: BIC. 7:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 2

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Confirmation Dinner: TBE. 5:45–6:15 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service/Confirmation from 7:30–9 p.m.

First Friday Shabbat: JCS. All are invited to join the JCS in welcoming Shabbat with songs, secular readings, candle lighting, wine, and challah. Dinner will follow the short Shabbat observance at the JCC. Children are welcome. Dinner free for JCS members; non-members $10/person; $25/family. Register online www.jewishculturalsociety.org/observances/shabbat/ 6:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 3

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

T-Shirt and Baseball Cap Shabbat: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 4

Garden Project: BIC. At County Farm Park. 10 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Schumann Art Reception: JCC. Mother-daughter art exhibit with Mary and Joanna Schumann. RSVP by phone at (734) 971-0990.

Our Big Bad Bar/Bat Mitzvah Party: A Night to Remember: BIC. 6 p.m.

Kol Halev Rehearsal: TBE. 6:15–7:45 p.m.

B'nai Mitzvah Committee Meeting: TBE. 7:45–9:15 p.m.

Monday 5
Tuesday 6

Survival of a Nation: Chabad. JLI Course. Commemorating 50 years since the Six Day War, this course invites participants to experience a captivating account of what at the time was considered by many to be the most improbably and astonishing victory in all of military history. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group): Beanster's Café in UM Michigan League, 911 North University. All levels and ages welcome for conversation in mame-loshn, which translates to "mother tongue." For information, email egertel@umich.edu or phone (734) 936-2367. 1:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation: TBE. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5:30 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study of the text with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 7

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1–3 p.m.

Keshet: TBE. 6–7:30 p.m.

Book Talk: JCC. Ann Epstein will debut her historical novel *On the Shore* with a book talk. RSVP by phone at (734) 971-0990. 7–8:30 p.m.

Thursday 8

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30–2:15 p.m.

WTBE Fiber Arts Group: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Camp Raanana Info Night: JCC. Learn about the J's outdoor day camp, held at scenic Cedar Lake in Chelsea. Camp Director Rachel Saslove will answer questions and attendees will learn about the fun awaiting kids at camp. For information, email rachelsaslove@jccannarbor.org or phone (734) 971-0990. 7–8:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting: TBE. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 9

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Shabbat B'Yachad/Shabbat Together from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service – WTBE Installation. 7:30–9 p.m.

Saturday 10

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Annual Membership Meeting: TBE Brotherhood. 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat Mincha: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 11

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Annual Congregation Meeting: BIC. 7 p.m.

Monday 12

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.

Tuesday 13

Survival of a Nation: Chabad. JLI Course. See first Tuesday of month for details. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). *See first Tuesday of month.*

Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation: TBE. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5:30 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 14
Thursday 15

Third Thursday @ the J: The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of Arcades: JCC. Arcades were everywhere in the 1980s, but fell out of fashion when home video game systems took off. Pinball Pete's is one of the last remaining arcades in Washtenaw County. Pinball Pete's manager will outline the history of arcades and discuss what the future looks like. RSVP at tinyurl.com/ThirdThursdayJune. The talk is free, but an optional lunch will also be available. For information about lunch pricing and menus, visit jccannarbor.org/departments/adult-services/. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 16

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Shabbat B'Yachad/Shabbat Together from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 17

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

Shabbat Mincha: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar*

Sunday 18

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Monday 19
Tuesday 20

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Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation: TBE. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5:30 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 21

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1–3 p.m.

Pulpit Committee Meeting: TBE. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Camp Raanana Open House: JCC. Visit the Cedar Lake Nature Center to meet camp staff and enjoy a variety of camp activities. Hot/veggie dog dinner provided. Cedar Lake Nature Center is located at 2500 Pierce Road, Chelsea. RSVP by phone at (734) 971-0990. 6–8 p.m.

Thursday 22

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Guys Night Out: TBE Brotherhood. Gourmet Garden Restaurant. 6–7:30 p.m.

WTBE Fiber Arts Group: TBE. 7–9 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays*

Friday 23

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

An Evening with *The Lemon Tree:* BIC. 6:15 p.m.

Brotherhood BBQ/Shabbat Achat Dinner: TBE. 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Service–Shabbat Achat: TBE. 6:30–9 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Saturday 24

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Mini Minyan: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat Mincha: TBE. 6 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 25

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Kol Halev Caberet: TBE. 5–9 p.m.

Monday 26

Women's Torah Study: TBE. 7–8:30 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. 7:30–9 p.m.

Tuesday 27

Survival of a Nation: Chabad. JLI Course. See first Tuesday of month for details. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). *See first Tuesday of month.*

Yin Embodied Jewish Meditation: TBE. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5:30 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday28
Thursday 29

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 30

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Shabbat B'Yachad/Shabbat Together from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

July 2017

Saturday 1

Torah Study: TBE. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 2

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidim and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Tuesday 4

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Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study of the text with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 5

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1–3 p.m.

Thursday 6

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1:30–2:15 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Camp Raanana Overnight: JCC. Campers must pre-register. Campfire, s'mores, and tents. For information, visit camp.jccannarbor.org or contact Sas at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachelsaslove@jccannarbor.org.

Friday 7

Lunch and Learn: TBE. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Karate/Shalom Gever: TBE. 4–5 p.m.

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Saturday 8

Torah Study: TBE. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 9

Garden Project: BIC. At County Farm Park. 10 a.m.

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Monday 10
Tuesday 11

17th of Tammuz: Chabad. Fast begins at 4:17 a.m and ends at 10 p.m.. Afternoon and evening services at 8:40 p.m.

Survival of a Nation: Chabad. JLI Course. See first Tuesday of month for details. 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

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Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Wednesday 12

Red Cross Blood Drive: JCC. The J is partnering with the Washtenaw County chapter of the American Red Cross to ensure patients can receive much needed blood donations. To donate, sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor ID: JCC. Contact Rachael at rachaelhoffeblum@jccannarbor.org with questions. Noon–6 p.m.

Thursday 13

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 14

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Lay-Led Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Bounce, Barbeque and Barchu: BIC. 6 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 15

Torah Study: TBE. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 16

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Tuesday 18

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Wednesday 19

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1–3 p.m.

Thursday 20

Third Thursday @ the J: JCC. A variety of interesting guest speakers and concerts are presented on the third Thursday each month. A light lunch is available for purchase. Phone (734) 971-0990 at least one day in advance to reserve lunch. Menus available at jccannarbor.org or by phone. Noon–1 p.m.

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Friday 21

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Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 22

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Chapel Service: TBE. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 23

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Tuesday 25

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Wednesday 26
Thursday 27

TheraPaws Visit: JCC. Bi-monthly visit from therapy dog friends from TheraPaws, which offers canine assisted therapy and brings therapy dogs to schools, hospitals, and other sites throughout Washtenaw County. For information or to RSVP, contact Rachael by phone at (734) 971-0990 or by email at rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. 1–2 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 28

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Lay-Led Shabbat Service. 7:30–9 p.m.

Saturday 29

Torah Study: TBE. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

Sunday 30

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Monday 31

Tisha B'av: Chabad. Fast begins at 8:55 p.m. Evening services at 9:40 a.m.

Tisha B'av Maariv: BIC. 9 p.m..

August 2017

Tuesday 1

Tisha B'av Services: Chabad. Morning services at 7:20 a.m. Afternoon and evening services at 8 p.m.

Tisha B'av Services: BIC. Shaharit Service at 8 a.m. Mincha Service at 2:30 p.m

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Wednesday 2

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Thursday 3

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study from the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

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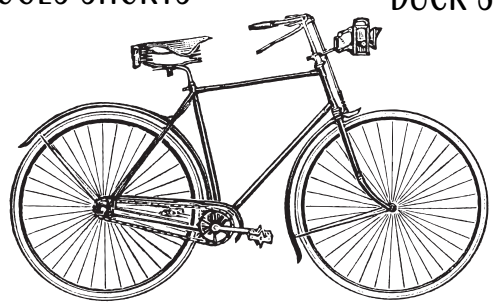

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Friday 4

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Lay-Led Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

First Friday Shabbat: JCS. All are invited to join the JCS in welcoming Shabbat with songs, secular readings, candle lighting, wine, and challah. Dinner will follow the short Shabbat observance at the JCC. Children are welcome. Dinner free for JCS members; non-members $10/person; $25/family. Register online www.jewishculturalsociety.org/observances/shabbat/. 6:30–9 p.m.

Saturday 5

Torah Study: TBE. 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of tcalendar.*

Sunday 6

Garden Project: BIC. At County Farm Park. 10 a.m.

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Thursday 10

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Friday 11

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Shabbat in the Park: BIC. 6 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 12

Torah Study: TBE. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at the end of the calendar.*

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Wednesday 16

Mahj: TBE. Offsite. 1–3 p.m.

Thursday 17

Third Thursday @ the J: JCC. Christine Laughren, event and nonprofit manager of the newly opened Ypsilanti Freighthouse, will discuss the Michigan Central Railroad's role in the development of Ypsilanti and the recent transformation of the Freighthouse from a storage space to an events and meeting venue. A light lunch will be available for purchase. To reserve lunch and to RSVP, phone Rachael at (734) 971-0990 or email rachaelhoffenblum@jccannarbor.org. Noon–1 p.m.

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

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Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 19

Torah Study: TBE. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

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Yidish tish (Yiddish Conversational Group). *See first Tuesday of month.*

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. 8 p.m. *Tuesdays.*

Thursday 24

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Friday 25

Family Shabbat Services: TBE. Tot Shabbat from 5:45–6:15 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner from 6:15–6:45 p.m. Shira from 6:45–7:15 p.m. Lay-Led Shabbat Service from 7:30–9 p.m.

Balloons, Barbeque and Barchu: BIC. 6 p.m.

Saturday 26

Torah Study: TBE. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of t calendar.*

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Thursday 31

Jewish Mindfulness Meditation Sit: TBE. 1–2 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. See first Thursday of month for details. 8 p.m. *Thursdays.*

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation. 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the fourth Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candlelighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. Morning childcare from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Congregation. Morning services held the second Saturday of each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon integrating traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary readings including Torah service and discussion. A morning of songs and text study takes place the first Saturday of each month. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown. Call 995-3276 for Home Hospitality and Meals for Shabbat and Jewish Holidays.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with rabbi and lay leaders at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

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Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 913-9705

Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897

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715 Hill Street 995-3276

Jewish Community Center (JCC)
2935 Birch Hollow Drive 971-0990

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2245 South State Street 769-0209

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2939 Birch Hollow Drive 677-0100

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Gloria Carmel on her bat mitzvah, August 5.
Talia Dauer on her bat mitzvah, August 12.
Taylor Gaies on her bat mitzvah, August 19.
Noah Bernstein on his bar mitzvah, August 26.
Ruth Mills on her bat mitzvah, August 26.
Art and Mary Schuman on the marriage of their daughter, Joanna, to Ricky Hougland.
Lizzy Gitterman-Bigham and Daniel Bigham on the birth of their daughter, Ayla, and to grandparents Susan and Dave Gitterman Jane, April 14.
Martha and Eric Young on the marriage of their son, Sam Young, to Stephanie Bellissimo, daughter of Rachel Farkas and Stephen Bellissimo, April 2.

Condolences

Herbert Kaufer on the death of his wife, Jane Kaufer, April 14.
Margaret Hannon on the death of her grandmother, Norma Goldman, April 20.
David and Renate Smith on the death of their son, Michael Smith, April 21.
Ray McLellan on the death of his brother-in-law, Charles Huggins, April 23.
Paul Freedman on the death of his brother and Nick Zagar and Michael Freedman on the death of their uncle, Brian Freedman, April 28.
The family of Murray Miller on his death, April 28.

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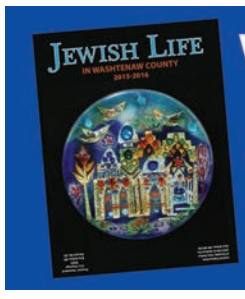

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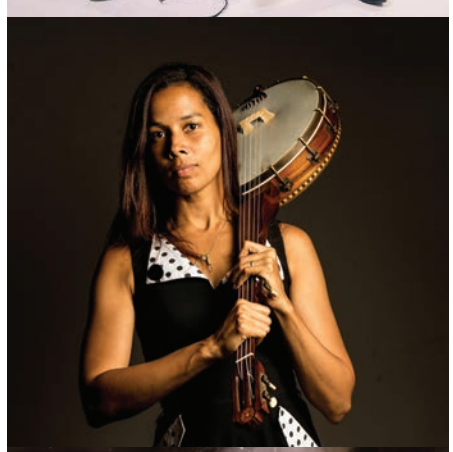

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